GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

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OUTREACH PROGRAMMES
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a reduction in the outreach programmes for the mentally handicapped children of the country in the years 2000-2001 and the current year;

(b) whether the Government have monitored such activities and assessed the needs to be done to increase the tempo of such outreach programmes;

(c) the number of programmes held outside the State Capitals by the concerned institutes in 2000-2001;

(d) whether funding is a strong constraint in responding to such demands; and

(e) the steps taken to assist in reaching out to mentally handicapped children?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) 32 camps were organised by the National Institute for the Mentally Handicapped(NIMH), Secunderabad during 2000-2001 through outreach programme.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Steps taken by Government for the development of persons with disabilities, including mentally disabled children, include supply of aids and appliances and provision of education, training and rehabilitation services through National Institutes, Composite Rehabilitation Centers, District Disability Rehabilitation Centers and Non-GovernmentalOrganisations and grant of soft loan for income generating activities through National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation. For safeguarding interests and promoting the development of persons with autism, cerebral palsy, mental retardation and multiply disabilities and their families a National Trust has been set up.